

position in the Subordinate Courts all over the Country, leaving 1500 vacancies to be filled.

(d) to (f) The Supreme Court of India is having 222 working days in a year. The Estimates Committee (8th Lok Sabha) on the Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Justice) examined the pendency of cases in the Supreme Court and High Courts and the working days in Supreme Court/High Courts. It was noticed that all High Courts were normally having 210 working days in a year. Working days/vacations of the subordinate courts are regulated by the concerned High Courts and the State Governments.

There were 21,936 cases pending in the Supreme Court as on 1.2.2001, 34.33 lakh cases pending in the High Courts as on 30.6.2000 and 2.02 crore cases pending in the Subordinate Courts as on 31.12.1998.

Vacancies in different courts

4047. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are a large number of vacancies in different District Courts, High Courts and also in the Supreme Court;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and in the Supreme Court;
- (c) the reasons why the vacancies are not being filled up;
- (d) the steps taken to fill up the vacancies; and
- (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Appointment of District Judges and other judges of the subordinate courts is made by the Governor of the State in consultation with the High Court exercising jurisdiction in relation to such State under the provisions of articles 233-234 of the Constitution of India. The Central Government have been

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periodically urging the State Governments/Union territories and the High Courts to accord utmost priority to filling up of vacant posts of judges and magistrates.

The filling up of vacancies in the Supreme Court of India and the High Courts is a consultative process among the Constitutional authorities. While every effort is made to fill up the existing vacancies expeditiously, vacancies do keep on arising on account of retirement, resignation or elevation of Judges.

Statement

Details of vacancies in different Courts

(A) STATE-WISE DETAILS OF VACANT POSTS OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS AS ON 31.12.1998/1.6.2000

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of Sanctioned posts of Judicial Officers	No. of Judicial Officers as on 1.6.2000	Vacancy Position
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	680	675	5
2	*Assam	216	204	12
3	*Arunachal Pradesh	293	293	0
4	*Bihar	1653	1372	281
5	Gujarat	626	516	110
6	Goa	44	36	8
7	Haryana	266	233	33
8	Himachal Pradesh	98	90	8
9	Jamtnu & Kashmir	161	161	0
10	Karnataka	640	584	56
11	Kerala	367	344	23
12	*Madhya Pradesh	943	756	187
13	Maharashtra	1268	1156	112
14	*Manipur	26	26	0
15	Meghalaya	7	6	1
16	Mizoram	34	19	15
17	Nagaland	21	21	0
18	*Orissa	384	296	88
19	Punjab	301	274	27
20	*Rajasthan	624	624	0
21	Sikkim	13	11	2
22	*Tamil Nadu	692	688	4
23	Tripura	74	43	31

*as on 31.12.1998 (including posts of Special Judicial Magistrates).

1	2	3	4	5
24	*Uttar Pradesh	1797	1480	317
25	*West Bengal	544	503	41
26	*A&N Islands	5	5	0
27	Chandigarh	19	16	3
28	Delhi	385	249	136
29	Dadra A Nagar Haveli	2	2	0
30	Daman & Diu	2	2	0
31	Lakshadweep	3	3	0
32	*Pondicherry	17	17	0
TOTAL:		12205	10705	1500

* as on 31.12.1998 (including posts of Special Judicial Magistrates).

(B) DETAILS OF VACANCIES IN THE HIGH COURTS AND SUPREME COURT AS ON 18.4.2001

I. High Courts		Vacancies : 186
Sl. No.	High Court	Vacancies in the approved strength
1	Allahabad	50
2	Andhra Pradesh	14
3	Bombay	10
4	Calcutta	16
5	Chhattisgarh	4
6	Delhi	2
7	Gauhati	6
8	Gujarat	10
9	Himachal Pradesh	2
10	Jammu & Kashmir	6
11	Jharkhand	6
12	Karnataka	3
13	Kerala	9
14	Madhya Pradesh	5
15	Madras	5
16	Orissa	2
17	Patna	12
18	Punjab & Haryana	12
19	Rajasthan	7
20	Sikkim	1
21	Uttaranchal	4
TOTAL:		186

II. Supreme Court: Vacancies : 2